The Prophet's

Night Journey and Ascension

(Al-Isra' wal-Mi'raj)

Lessons and Morals

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1- Introduction

In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation.
Peace and blessings be upon the one after whom there is no prophet, our master and Prophet Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, and upon his pure family and noble Companions, and upon those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Resurrection.

This is the story of the Night Journey and Ascension (Al-Isra’ wal-Mi‘raj), with which Allah Almighty honored His noble Messenger Muhammad ﷺ. It contains numerous signs, benefits, admonitions, and lessons for all who reflect.

We ask Allah, the Most High, to make us among those who learn from its wisdom and are guided by its light.

2- The Isra’ and Mi‘raj

The call of the Prophet ﷺ continued to spread despite hardship and persecution. Signs of victory began to appear, yet the trials and hostility of Quraysh grew in severity.

Amid these difficult circumstances, Allah Almighty honored His beloved Prophet ﷺ with the miraculous Isra’ and Mi‘raj a journey that no human being had ever experienced before.

According to the scholars, this blessed event occurred in the thirteenth year of

the Prophethood, a few months before the Hijrah (Migration to Madinah).

3- The Isra' The Night Journey

The Isra' refers to the Prophet's miraculous night journey from Al-Masjid al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque in Makkah) to Al-Masjid al-Aqsa (in Jerusalem), and his return the same night.

Allah Almighty says in the Noble Qur'an:

"Glory be to Him Who took His servant for a Journey by night from Al-Masjid al-Haram to Al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him some of Our signs. Indeed, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing."

(Surah Al-Isra’, 17:1)

4- The Mi‘raj — The Ascension

The Mi‘raj refers to the ascension of the Prophet ﷺ from Jerusalem to the highest heavens, until he reached the presence of the Sovereign, the All-Powerful (Allah).

This miraculous journey took place with both his body and soul, while he was awake, not dreaming as stated by Imam al-Nawawi (rahimahullah) and other scholars.

5- The Story as Narrated in the Authentic Hadith

Narrated by Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him):

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:
“I was brought Al-Buraq, a white animal, larger than a donkey and smaller than a mule. Its stride reached as far as its eye could see. I rode it until I reached Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem). There I tied it to the ring where the Prophets tie their mounts. Then I entered the Masjid and prayed two rak‘ahs.”

Then Jibreel (Gabriel) (as) brought him a vessel of wine and a vessel of milk. The Prophet ﷺ chose the milk, and Jibreel said:

“You have chosen the natural disposition (fitrah).”

Then he ascended with him to the heavens. At each level, Jibreel sought permission to enter, and they met the Prophets of old, all of whom welcomed the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and prayed for his well-being.

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